### Annual Reporting Requirements pursuant to § 54.313(a)(2)-(6)

WC Docket No. 10-90

| § 54.313 | (a)(2) – Outage reporting   |
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| <u>X</u> | My company was not required to collect this information in 2011.  |
|          | My company collected this information pursuant to state utility commission requirement A copy of the report is attached.  |
| § 54.313 | (a)(3) – Unfulfilled service requests   |
|          | My company was not required to collect this information in 2011.  |
|          | My company collected this information pursuant to state utility commission requirement. A copy of the report is attached. |
| § 54.313 | (a)(4) – Customer complaints per 1000 connections   |
|          | My company was not required to collect this information in 2011.  |
|          | My company collected this information pursuant to state utility commission requirement. A copy of the report is attached. |
| § 54.313 | (a)(5) – Service quality standards and consumer protection rules  |
| I certi  | fy that the reporting carrier is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and                              |

§ 54.313(a)(6) – Ability to function in emergency situations

consumer protection rules.

I certify that the reporting carrier can function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 CFR §54.202(a)(2). Specifically, the reporting carrier has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above and, to the best of my knowledge the information reported on this form is accurate. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below. (Please enter your Company Name, State and Study Area Code)

| Company Name                 | State             | Study Area Code |  |  |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| KASSON & MANTORVILLE TELICO. | $M_{\mathcal{K}}$ | 361412          |  |  |
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(If necessary, attach a separate list of additional study areas and check this box.)

| Signed,  |
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| Soul A. Tollefon [Signature of Corporate Officer |
| BETH A. TOLLEFSON                                |
| [Printed Name of Corporate Officer]              |
| CFO  |
| [Title of Corporate Officer]                     |
|  |
| Carrier's Name                                   |
| Carrier's Address                                |

Carrier's Telephone Number

# BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION

Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company is seeking certification of eligibility from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") in order to be eligible for support from the federal Universal Service Fund.

The certification required for rural carriers to receive federal universal service support for all four quarters during calendar year 2013 is currently due to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") on or before October 1, 2012. The certification may be presented to these entities in the form of a letter from the State Commission. The letter must identify which carriers in the State are eligible to receive federal support during the 12-month period and must certify that the carriers listed will only use the support for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company is a rural incumbent telephone company that has previously been designated by this Commission as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Company provides local exchange telephone services, including all of the essential services that are included in the federal definition of universal service, to approximately 4,070 access lines within its established rural service area in Minnesota.

Based on the information in this filing, Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company requests that the Commission make the appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC.

Exhibit A provides details as to the expenditures that were incurred by Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company in 2011 and estimates of the expenditures for years 2012 and

2013 for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services supported by federal universal service. Consistent with the universal service principles set forth in the federal law and also the FCC orders, Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company will use federal universal support amounts received in 2012 to offset a portion of 2012 expenditures incurred as shown in Exhibit A. This use of federal universal service support will enable Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company to: (1) maintain rates for its local exchange services that are affordable and reasonably comparable to rates being charged for the same services in urban areas; and (2) to continue to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements and maintain high quality service. Specific projects are listed on Attachment 1. The use of federal universal service support for these purposes is clearly consistent with the federal universal service principles.

In Docket P-999/M-05-741 the Commission ordered carriers seeking annual certification for universal service support to comply with the annual filing requirements adopted by the FCC in CC Docket 96-45, FCC 05-46 with the modifications that: (i) a report on a two-year service quality improvement plan is to be used instead of a five year plan; and (ii) information may be filed on a service area basis instead of a wire-center basis. The following information is provided in compliance with this requirement.

Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company's service quality improvement plan is to continue to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements and maintain high quality service throughout Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company's service area. As an incumbent local carrier Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company upgrades and replaces facilities and equipment as necessary.

Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company has not provided maps as no changes to our service areas have been made during the current year. The existing maps are on file with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Administration.

Additional information required is provided as follows:

- During the year of 2011 there were no outages that required reporting to the FCC.
- Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company was able to provide service to all
  potential customers that requested service during 2011 and at December 31, 2011,
  we had no unfulfilled requests for service.
- The number of complaints of service quality per 1,000 handsets or lines for 2011 is estimated at less than 1.
- The attached affidavit contains the required certifications as they pertain to an incumbent local exchange carrier.
- Attachment 1 is a listing of the largest projects for the next two years.

Based on the foregoing information, the enclosed Exhibit A and the enclosed Affidavit, Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company requests that this Commission issue an appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC indicating that Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and should receive all federal universal service support determined for distribution to the Company in 2013.

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#### Largest Five Projects Projected for 2012 and 2013

Listed below are the five largest projects currently projected to be worked on during 2012 and 2013.

- 1. Replace AFC cabinets \$60,000 (2012)
- 2. Install fiber to home projects in Mantorville \$700,000 (2012)
- 3. Install fiber to home projects in Mantorville (electronics) \$500,000 (2012)
- 4. Replace AFC Cabinets \$60,000 (2013)
- 5. C.O. Replacement Batteries \$55,000 (2013)

#### Compliance Progress Report on the Largest Five Projects Projected for 2011 and 2012

Listed below are the five largest projects that were projected to be worked on during 2011 and 2012, and the status of each project as of May 1, 2012.

| 1. | Install fiber to home projects in Mantorville - \$1,000,000 (2011)              | cent Complete<br>100% |
|----|---|-----------------------|
| 2. | Install fiber to home projects in Mantorville (electronics) - \$1,000,000 (201) | 1) 50%                |
| 3. | Replace AFC cabinets - \$60,000 (2011)  | 100%                  |
| 4. | Replace AFC cabinets - \$60,000 (2012)  | 0%                    |
| 5. | Install fiber to home projects in Mantorville - \$500,000 (2012)                | 0%                    |

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# USF Certification for 2012 Attachment to Affidavit Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company

Exhibit A

## Year 2011 Federal Universal Service Receipts Subject To Certification

| High Cost Loop Support  | \$286,197 |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| ICLS Support            | na        |
| Safety Net Additive     | na        |
| Local Switching Support | \$282,456 |
| TOTAL                   | \$568,653 |

# Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding

|   | <u>Actual</u>      | <b>Estimated</b> |             |
|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
|   | 2011               | 2012             | 2013        |
| Plant Specific Operations Expenses                                    |                    |                  |             |
| Network support (Accts. 6110-16)                                      | \$0                | \$0              | \$0         |
| General support (Accts. 6120-24)                                      | \$181,551          | \$185,000        | \$189,000   |
| Central office switching (Accts. 6210-6212.2)                         | \$288,254          | \$238,000        | \$196,000   |
| Cable and wire facilities (Accts. 6410-6441)                          | \$454,987          | \$487,000        | \$521,000   |
| Network operations (Accts. 6530-35)                                   | \$126,628          | \$93,000         | \$69,000    |
| Depreciation and amortization (Accts, 6560-65)                        | \$1,379,623        | \$1,390,000      | \$1,400,000 |
| Customer Operations Expenses  |                    |                  |             |
| Customer services (Accts. 6620-23)                                    | \$353,611          | \$444,000        | \$558,000   |
| Corporate Operations Expenses   |                    |                  |             |
| Executive and planning (Accts, 6710)                                  | \$251,438          | \$342,000        | \$466,000   |
| General and administrative (Accts. 6720)                              | \$604,326          | \$673,000        | \$749,000   |
| Other corporate (not included elsewhere)                              | \$0                | \$0              | \$0         |
| Total Year 2011 Supported Expenses                                    | \$3,640,418        | \$3,852,000      | \$4,148,000 |
| Before Return On Investment   |                    |                  |             |
| Additions   |                    |                  |             |
| Central office (Acct. 2210S and 2230S, Column C)                      | \$346,190          | \$400,000        | \$355,000   |
| Cable and wire (Acct. 2410, Column C)                                 | <u>\$1,406,874</u> | \$700,000        | \$250,000   |
| TOTAL   | \$1,753,064        | \$1,100,000      | \$605,000   |
| Total Year 2011 Supported Expenditures<br>Before Return On Investment | \$5,393,482        | \$4,952,000      | \$4,753,000 |

## <u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

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| STATE OF MINNESOTA ) )ss.  COUNTY OF DODGE )   |
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| 1. My name is BETH TOLLETSON I am employed by ASSON MANTORVILLE ("Company") as its CFO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the request of the Company for certification by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.   |
| 2. During the year 2011, the Company received federal universal service support as shown on Exhibit A to the filing accompanying this Affidavit and had investments and expense relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended as also shown on Exhibit A. During the year 2011, the Company used the federal universal service support it received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. |
| 3. The Company hereby also certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2013 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.   |
| 4. The Company also certifies that it is compliant with applicable rules on service quality and service provision in emergency situations, and that we do provide equal access to long distance carriers.  |
| FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.  |
| Bell A. Tollefon<br>Thief Financial Officer  |
| STATE OF MINNESOTA )   |
| COUNTY OF Steeler )  |
| Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 2012  |
| DIANE I, KREJCI Notary Public Minnesota My Commission Expires January 31, 2015   |